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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Mr. Gordon Ziegler  
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Dear Mr. Ziegler:

**Background-** the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Utah State Office received your revised exploration plan dated March 15, 2005. We have the following comments.

1. Plugging. The requirements listed in the exploration plan do not meet the state regulations. The minimum requirements for plugging a hole are to place a perma plug in the hole at least 5 feet below the surface and fill the hole to the surface with cement. You may also fill the hole with cuttings and fill it with cement for the last 5 feet to the surface. BLM prefers that the hole be filled from top to bottom with cement. A hazard is created by allowing miners to mine near an open hole that may be full of water and mud. Filling the hole from top to bottom with cement is the safest method for protecting the miners and the strata.

2. Drill Locations. Because multiple holes are being drilled from essentially the same location, BLM requires you to describe the approximate hole offset.

3. Reclamation. Your plan states that reclamation will take place after the drilling is complete. BLM recommends that seeding should be done in the fall and no later than the end of November in the year the drilling is completed.

4. Spills. BLM requires that your plan have a provision for cleaning up spills of petroleum, lubricants and oils. Any disposal must be done in an approved manner.

For further information contact Mr. Stan Perkes, (801) 539-4036.

Sincerely,

*JAMES F KOHLER*

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